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having spaced from the aryl ring a substituent of carboxy acid, ester, sulfonic acid, nitro, cyano or haloalkyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein the disease or condition afflicts or is suspected of afflicting the nervous, hepatic, or respiratory system.

5. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the compound is of the following Formula

I:

A2

but a'

 $(R)_{\overline{n}}$ $(W-Y)_{m}$

wherein each W is independently optionally substituted alkylene; optionally substituted alkenylene; optionally substituted heteroalkylene; optionally substituted heteroalkylene; optionally substituted heteroalkynynylene and further wherein W comprises an unsaturated straight carbon chain;

each Y is independently a carboxy acid, ester, sulfonic acid, nitro, cyano or haloalkyl; each R is independently halogen, cyano, nitro, optionally substituted alkyl; optionally substituted alkenyl; optionally substituted alkylyl; optionally substituted alkylsulfonyl; optionally substituted alkylsulfonyl; optionally substituted alkylsulfonyl; optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl; optionally substituted aralkyl;

m is an integer of from 1 to 6; n is an integer of from 0 to 5; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, with the exclusion of 4-phenylbutyric acid.



8. (Amended) The method of claim 5, wherein the compound further comprises a phenyl ring in the fourth position of the chain.

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- 23. (Amended) The method of claim 22, wherein the compound is administered to the mammal orally, intramuscularly or intraperitoneally.
- 24. (Amended) A method for treating a mammal suffering from, susceptible to, or recovering from cystic fibrosis (CF), the method comprising administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of at least one carbocyclic aryl compound comprising an unsaturated carbon chain and having spaced from the aryl ring a substituent of carboxy acid, ester, sulfonic acid, nitro, cyano or haloalkyl compound; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 25. (Amended) The method of claim 1 or 24, wherein the compound increases or decreases expression of a subject protein by at least about 10% in a standard *in vitro* assay for measuring the subject protein.

29. (Amended) The method of claim 28, wherein the compound exhibits an IC₅₀ of about 00 μm or less in the assay.



34. (Amended) A method for treating a human subject suffering from, susceptible to, or recovering from a disease or condition associated with surfactant protein C, cystic fibrosis (CF) α1 anti-trypsin disease, Alzheimer's disease, Marfan syndrome, familial hypercholesterolemia, or Tay-Sachs disease, the method comprising administering to the human subject a therapeutically effective amount of compound is of the following Formula I:

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 $(W-Y)_m$ $(R)_{\overline{n}}$ I

wherein each W is independently optionally substituted alkylene; optionally substituted alkenylene; optionally substituted alkynylene; optionally substituted heteroalkylene; optionally substituted heteroalkenylene; or optionally substituted heteroalkynynylene and further wherein W comprises an unsaturated straight carbon chain;

each Y is independently a carboxy acid, ester, sulforic acid, nitro, cyano or haloalkyl; each R is independently halogen, cyano, nitro, optionally substituted alkyl; optionally substituted alkenyl; optionally substituted alkynyl; optionally substituted alkoxy; optionally substituted alkylthio; optionally substituted alkylsulfinyl; optionally substituted alkylsulfonyl; optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl; optionally substituted aralkyl;

m is an integer of from 1 to 6; n is an integer of from 0 to 5; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, with the exclusion of 4-phenylbutyric acid

Kindly add the following new claims 42 and 43.